

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 416 - HB 333

February 15, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires anyone providing removal service, or who directs, supervises, or performs the transportation of human remains for a fee, to register with the Department of Commerce and Insurance. Creates a new two-year license class for individuals who provide such removal services. This license will be provided in association with the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers. A licensed funeral director, licensed embalmer, or a licensed funeral director or its employees are not required to be registered under this part. Creates a new Class C misdemeanor offense for anyone who provides removal service without having registered or for anyone who has falsely registered for such license.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenue - \$7,500/FY13-14/Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers
\$2,500/FY14-15/Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers
Increase State Expenditures - \$2,500/FY13-14/Board of Funeral Directors and
Embalmers**

**Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- The provisions of this bill will be enacted on July 1, 2013.
- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, there will be one-time expenditures of \$2,500 associated with setting up this new license and rulemaking hearings (Court Reporter: \$500 + Transcript Costs: \$1,000 + Computer Set-up: \$1,000).
- According to the Department, registrants will pay \$250 for each license.
- It is estimated that there will be 30 individuals who purchase this license in FY13-14 and 10 in FY14-15; therefore, license revenue is expected to be \$7,500 (30 x \$250) in FY13-14, \$2,500 (10 x \$250) in FY14-15.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011 and § 4-29-121, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers had a closing deficit of \$102,558 in FY10-11, a closing balance of \$484,954 in FY11-12, and a closing reserve balance of \$812,674 on June 30, 2012.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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